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## BELLS, CLOCKS, CARILLONS.



St. Peter's Collegiate Church,  
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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## MODERN WORK.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL AS LEGISLATORS.

A week or two ago we commented upon some of the recent criticisms of the Central Council, and we return to the subject again in view of the Rev. H. Drake's letter, which appears in this issue, in answer to the statement by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter that "the Council has always refused to make laws or act as a legislative body." This contention bears out the frequent observations of the President, who, only at the last meeting, emphasised the fact that in his opinion the Council should in no way assume the roll of legislators on behalf of a majority of the Associations as against the minority. Mr. Drake in his letter argues that whatever their intentions the Council have in fact in the past laid down laws, and in that sense have been legislators.

It is not our intention to discuss whether the effects of the Council's resolutions in the past have amounted to legislation, but we would express the view—despite the fact that we know that many will not agree with us—that it would be a step towards re-invigorating the Council if something were done to make it more of a legislative body. As it exists at present, perhaps, the Council could not arrogate to itself claims to lay down the law, but if, when the elections take place, it could be made clear to associations that they were electing their representatives in the capacity of legislators, it would, we think, have the effect of ensuring the appointment of the best men—men elected for their qualifications as ringers and not as a matter of compliment. The Council would thus be strengthened, and a higher value placed upon its decisions, because it would be realised that these resolutions were the real opinion of the most practical men in the various departments connected with the Exercise. It would also give the members of the Council a real responsibility to those who elected them and thus make the influence of the Council more closely felt.

One of the points that has always struck us as a weak link in the chain of organisation, is the total absence, in most cases, of any sort of responsibility of the representatives. They are elected every three years, and often the Associations officially hear no more of their doings. If this responsibility were to be established, the Associations could promote the legislation, their delegates would go with stronger hands and the deliberations of the Council could result in definite acts instead of mere expressions of opinion. We know it is contended that such decisions could not be enforced, but if the Council were to become a legislative body with the consent of the Associations, we think the loyalty of the latter could be depended upon. It would, indeed, be legislation by consent, and the Council would be able to rely upon the support of those who elected it.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HALE ... .. 7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAITE ... .. 8
FRANK COLE ... .. 4	JOHN JEFFERIES ... .. 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 5	JAMES SINGLETON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

This peal was arranged to enable the four members of the Painswick Youths, who are serving their King and Country, to take part, but two of them had to return from leave, and one has been in France for some months. The other, William Ireland, of the 9th Gloucesters, took part and received the good wishes of all for a safe return.

## WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 4	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 9
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 5	JOHN NEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE DALTRY, and  
Conducted by S. GROVE.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells and the annual peal for the above Association. These bells have recently been re-hung by Messrs. Barwell & Co., of Birmingham.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 3	JIM BEACH ... .. 7
EDWIN LAMBERT ... .. 4	PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and  
Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

For calling see K.C.A. Report, 1912, page 75. Rung in honour of the glorious achievement of General Sir Louis Botha in bringing about the cessation of hostilities in South Africa.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... Treble	JOSEPH COLLETT ... .. 5
*WILLIAM E. STRATFORD ... 2	WALTER LARGE ... .. 6
REUBEN HALL ... .. 3	HENRY GILLET ... .. 7
THOMAS BANNING ... .. 4	WILLIAM STRATFORD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

\* First peal. R. Hall and A. T. Scrivens were made members of the Association before starting. With W. E. Stratford they hail from Birmingham, and wish to thank the members of the Bourton company for the kind arrangements made.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1915, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR GILL ... .. Treble	EDWIN WHEATER ... .. 5
BERNAL HOWE ... .. 2	BANNISTER W. SMITH ... .. 6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 4	JOHN PERFECT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This composition contains the 2nd her full extent in 4th and 2nd's at alternate course ends, and is now rung for the first time. The conductor, who hails from S. Margaret's, Leicester, wishes, through this medium, to thank the above and others for kindly arranging to meet him.

WISTANTOW, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, August 8, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WM. E. MERRINGTON ... Treble	ERNEST V. RODENHURST ... 5
JOSEPH HANLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 6
JAMES L. YORK ... .. 3	WALTER LAGO ... .. 7
ALBERT WOODVINE ... .. 4	JOHN ASTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Messrs. Hanley, York, Saunders, Lago and Aston belong to Coalbrookdale, Merrington to Dawley, Woodvine to Malinslee, and Rodenhurst to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. J. Aston was elected a member of the Guild before starting. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. W. M. de la Touche) for so willingly giving them permission to ring, and for entertaining them at the Rectory afterwards.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS  
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Thursday, August 5, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 1-2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... .. 5-6
JAMES HUNT ... .. 3-4	FRANK SMITH ... .. 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and  
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ... ..	112	0	9
Mr. W. T. Holmes, Cockermouth ... ..	0	2	0
Ringers of Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancs (per Mr. H. W. Jackson) ... ..	0	0	0
York Minster Society, July Collection (per Mr. G. Horner) ... ..	0	4	0
Ringers of St. Thomas', Pendleton (per Mr. W. H. Shuker) ... ..	0	8	6
Total ... ..	£112	17	3

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following are the names of further ringers who are serving with the colours:—

Pte E. H. King, of All Saints', Edmonton, R.A.M.C., now at Eastbourne.  
From Horbury, Wakefield:—  
Pte W. H. Heaton, K.O.Y.L.I.,  
Lance-Corpl. L. Bell, K.O.Y.L.I., and  
Pte W. Downing, K.O.Y.L.I., stationed at Beverley.  
Pte H. Pickles, R.A.M.C., stationed at Woolwich.

ACCIDENT TO WELL-KNOWN RINGER.

CAT CAUSES CYCLE SPILL.

A somewhat serious accident befel that well-known Midland ringer, Mr. William Short, of Clent, on Tuesday of last week, as he was cycling home from Worcester, where he had taken part in the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of All Saints' Church. About 9 p.m., Mr. Short, having completed about 11½ miles of his journey, was nearing Bromsgrove, when a cat came through a hedge on to the footpath and sprang right into the front wheel of his cycle. The animal's head went through the spokes, and Mr. Short was thrown over the handle bar on to his head. A nurse witnessed the accident, and at once went to his assistance, fetching water and bathing his head in an endeavour to bring him back to consciousness. A gentleman then drove up in a motor-car from Bromsgrove, and seeing it was a case needing medical attention, put his party down and drove back to Bromsgrove with Mr. Short, taking him to Dr. Rowland's surgery, where his injuries were dressed, and he eventually, about 9.30, recovered consciousness. Mr. Short was badly cut about the face, hands and knees, but fortunately no bones were broken. Just below the right eye he sustained a deep cut into the cheek. After the doctor's attentions had been completed, the gentleman who had conveyed Mr. Short to the surgery, returned and drove him to his home at Clent. This good samaritan declined to say who he was, merely remarking, "You wanted a friend just then, and I have only done what everyone ought to do if he has the chance," and, so saying, drove off. Here at any rate, the old axiom proved its truth again, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

We hear that Mr. Short is making favourable progress, though he is still in bandages, and his many friends throughout the country will wish him a speedy recovery.

THE OPENING AT CHRIST CHURCH, ERITH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the account of the Kent County Association meeting held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 24th, which appeared in your last issue, a few remarks were made which calls for some comment from me. Mr. T. Groombridge gave notice of his intended resignation of the district secretaryship "because of the unsatisfactory way the arrangements were carried out at the opening of the new bells at Christ Church, Erith."

I had those arrangements in hand, and such a statement as that is very misleading. Everything was carried out most satisfactorily, and I have received a letter from the Vicar and churchwardens of grateful thanks and appreciation at being relieved of any anxiety in the matter.

What I conclude Mr. Groombridge means is that the arrangements were unsatisfactory from his point of view, he not being entrusted with them, and not being asked to take part in the peal which followed. If he feels aggrieved at this let him bring the matter forward at the November committee meeting, when I hope to be present and will answer any charge which may be brought against me.

Being above military age, I am endeavouring to serve the country in another capacity, which necessitates continuous overtime as well as Sunday duty, so was unfortunately unable to be present at the Chislehurst meeting, otherwise I could then have given an explanation of my action.

It is worth mentioning that although there are only eight bells at Christ Church, Erith, about twenty ringers consider they ought to have been asked to take part in the first peal.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford.

E. BARNETT.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on August Bank Holiday, a good company being present. Among the visitors were about 20 members of the Central Northants Association from various towers.

The business meeting was held in St. Mary's Schools, the President (the Dean) being in the chair.

The report stated that two peals were rung during the year, one on tower bells and one on handbells. The statement of accounts showed a balance of £6 10s. 9d.

A resolution was confirmed, that owing to the war, all subscriptions paid or due for 1915 be credited to 1916.

The service was held at St. John's, Canon Morse, R.D., giving the address. During the day touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Grand-sire, Cambridge and Double Court Minor were rung at the various towers in the locality.

SUNDAY RINGING AT KING'S CLIFFE.

On Sunday, August 1st, in response to an invitation from the ringers, to entertain them for the day, the following members of the Oundle First Deanery Association visited King's Cliffe, Northants: C. Williamson (Warrington) 1, G. Fellows (conductor, Benefield) 2, C. Redhead (Cottestock) 3, C. Curral (Benefield) 4, I. Stapleton (Cottestock) 5. They rang for morning and evening service 480 Grandsire Doubles. It is hoped that King's Cliffe may have the pleasure of welcoming the band again before very long.



## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT MINEHEAD.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Minehead, and was attended by over 70 members from St. James' and St. Mary's Churches, Taunton; Ilminster, Langport, Trull, Milverton, Minehead, Chipstable, Bridgwater, Portishead, Wootton Courtenay, Stogumber, Old Cleeve, Carhampton and Nerton Fitzwarren, those present including several lady ringers. The proceedings commenced with luncheon at the Plume of Feathers Hotel, at which the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presided. There were also present the Rev. E. P. Liddon (Vicar of Minehead), the Rev. H. S. Briggs (Portishead), Mrs. Briggs, the Rev. A. A. Brockington (Carhampton, President of the Dunster Deanery Association), the Rev. M. J. Case (Minehead), the Rev. E. P. Stanley (Wootton Courtenay), the Rev. A. T. Cameron (Chipstable), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Bampton), and Messrs. E. E. Burgess (hon. secretary), F. Walton Evans (Minehead), G. Stacey (hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Association), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), J. Maddock (Taunton), and many others.

The loyal toast was enthusiastically honoured, the Chairman expressing the hope that by this time next year the King would be ruling over a victorious country (applause).

The Rev. A. A. Brockington proposed "The Church," and in the course of his speech commented on the improved relations that existed between the ringers and the Church as compared with some years ago. After referring to the Church and the war, he said he was glad to be there that day and to do his part as one of the local clergy in welcoming the Association to that part of the diocese. He had been told that morning that the towers of that part of the county were not very good, and that perhaps Carhampton was the worst (laughter), and he did not know, but perhaps it was (laughter). He knew that it had a tenor bell not quite in tune, and if any ringer present was overburdened with cash, Carhampton would be grateful for some of it to help put the bell in tune (laughter and applause). The remark he had referred to was, however, he thought, disparaging to the towers of Dunster and Minehead. The last-named especially had taken a lot of trouble with their bells, and had made their peal a very good one indeed. He felt, as he came into Minehead that day and heard the bells rung by such a capable band of ringers as the Association supplied, that the remark was really a disparaging one (hear, hear). At Carhampton, he was pleased to say, the attendance of the ringers was good, and their services were invaluable; they were good workers and good Christian men, and that was a matter of which he could not be too thankful.

### VICAR PROUD OF HIS RINGERS.

The Rev. E. P. Liddon, whose name was coupled with the toast, said that though he did not know so much about ringers and ringing as Mr. Brockington, he realised what an important part the ringer played in Church life. He knew how much he could help the parson, and, if he was not of the right sort, how much he could hinder him. He was very glad indeed to welcome the Association to Minehead, and trusted that they gained benefit by such meetings, both socially, as at that gathering, and spiritually in the Church. He welcomed them on behalf of the Minehead ringers. There were many bright spots in Minehead, and he felt thankful for having been called to work in a parish with such bright spots, and one of the bright spots was the ringers and the belfry (hear, hear). He could say that nothing had helped him more and cheered him more than the work at Minehead of the ringers and the belfry. It was a heritage of which he felt proud, and, as they all knew, they owed it in the first place to the work of the late Mr. Todd, to whom, before long, they would see a memorial in the parish church placed, he hoped, near the belfry door, reminding them all of the great work Mr. Todd had done in connection with the belfry (applause). He welcomed the Association that day because it would give the Minehead ringers the encouragement and help they deserved. As regarded the Church generally, it was passing through a time of trial, and there were some who accused the Church of not doing her duty in this time of trial. Personally, he did not think it true; he believed that both clergy and laity were doing their duty and making great sacrifices, but the Church had to think not only of those at the front; they had the first claim upon her, and required all she could give, but she had another duty, which was to improve the position of the people at home and to raise the spiritual tone of England to-day, so that, as the Bishop of London had said, when our troops return, instead of being dragged down from their spiritual level, they should be raised still higher in spiritual life, and if the Church was to do that she must retain sufficient at home to keep the work going and keep up at least the minimum of service. Therefore, as Churchmen, they ought all to do what they could by their lives and service to help their brethren in the trenches and to keep alive and increase the spiritual life of the country.

### "ALL OF ONE BODY."

Mr. G. Atkins (Minehead) proposed "Other Ringing Associations," observing that the presence of representatives of other Associations at their meetings was always very welcome, and they were pleased to see them. Their presence inspired and stimulated them: it cultivated a spirit of fraternity and reminded them all of the fact that though members of different Associations they were all of one body (applause).

The Rev. Ernest V. Cox, who responded to the toast, said he was

very glad to be present, and he was pleased to see in the company lady ringers who were full members (hear, hear). He had recently come to reside at Bampton, and he was hoping that, not being far away, he should not be regarded as belonging to another association, and the secretary would find a layman to respond to the toast, but he could say that he had never come to a meeting of that Association without receiving a splendid welcome (applause). Referring to the question of continuing practice ringing at the present time, there was, he pointed out, considerable divergence of opinion, but he thought that where there was a sufficient number of ringers living in a place who were unable to enlist or serve in some way at home there could be no harm in continuing practice ringing during the war (hear, hear). He felt that, where there were so many towers as they had in that part of the country, there must be some sort of regular practice in preparation for the Sunday ringing (hear, hear), and that the ringers of a parish wanted keeping together as much as the choir, and he was sure that choirmen would agree that when they had something to interest them, something to learn at their choir practices, it kept them together (hear, hear). So ringers also, in a quiet way, needed to practice, and, therefore, he was glad that the Bath and Wells Association had not foregone their usual meetings together (hear, hear). He thanked Mr. Atkins for his remarks as to the spirit of fraternity which they should have among them, and observed that he could testify to the reality of it, for wherever he had gone, when it became known that he was a change ringer he had met with a very cordial welcome. It was that sort of spirit which made to the success of their meetings and made them a help to the parish (applause).

### THE BOND BETWEEN CLERGY AND RINGERS.

Mr. Shepherd, of Swindon, who was also called upon to respond, agreed as to what had been said on fraternal relationship in the belfry, and in course of further remarks casually mentioned the interesting fact that there were three men who had rung in over a thousand towers, and he was one (applause). With regard to the bond between the ringers and the clergy, he pointed out that it was strongest where the clergy were intimate with their ringers and interested themselves in the ringing (hear, hear). If the clergy got to know them, the ringers became even better church-goers than they had been before, for he knew that that had been a weak point among ringers (applause).

Mr. G. Stacey (Minehead) observed that they had heard a great deal about ringing and of the harmony that existed between ringers and clergy, and they had been told that the Association was undoubtedly of benefit both as regarded ringing and church-going. Their Association was in a very good way and in flourishing condition, and before the meeting went on to further business he would like to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to their worthy secretary, Mr. Burgess, who was a great ringer, and took the greatest interest in the Association, and worked hard for it. He would ask them to drink the health of Mr. Burgess.

The toast was drunk with cheers and musical honours, and was briefly acknowledged by Mr. Burgess, who thanked the company for the reception they had given him.

### THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The business meeting was then held, and the Master presented his report for the year ending June, 1915. When, last year, he said, the Association held its annual meeting at Bath, no one had any idea of the terrible war which, little more than a month later, was about to come on the nation, and now as they met again they found the Empire engaged in a struggle upon which depended not only the future of their country, but that of all the great Powers of the world. They must all hope and pray that when the time came for the next annual meeting victory may have been won and a peace assured which would not be shaken for many generations. The Association had been affected in several ways by the war, and, first, he was informed that 117 of their members were serving with the colours in nearly every part of the Empire (applause). Four of those were officers and two chaplains. One member—a private—had been killed in France. A list of names would be published in the printed report. In the second place, the work of the Association had been necessarily hindered to some extent. He agreed with the resolution of the Central Council "that they should abstain from peal-ringing during the war, but that, wherever circumstances permitted, it was the privilege and sacred duty of ringers to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other feasts of the Church, and also on Royal and National anniversaries to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to the Empire and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies." The substance of the resolution was that peal-ringing should not be encouraged during the war, but that all other ringing, so far as was possible, should continue as before. The fact that the Association had only 25 peals to record, and those nearly all rung before the war, showed that ringers in the diocese were in agreement with the resolution. From a financial standpoint he was glad to say that the Association had not suffered to any appreciable extent.

The report concluded with details of the year's work. The Hon. Secretary presented the statement of accounts for the year. The balance in hand, he said, had gone down, but to account for that decrease there were two branches from which as yet no returns had been made, and if they had been received the balance would have been a little above last year's.

On the proposition of the Rev. A. A. Brockington, seconded by Mr. J. R. Passmore (Minehead), the balance sheet was received and adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Atkins (Minehead), seconded by Mr. A. Coles (Bridgwater), an honorarium of ten guineas was voted to the secretary for the services he had rendered during the past year, the common observing that the work was very heavy indeed, there being now over a thousand members.

#### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Ven. the Archdeacons of Wells, Bath and Taunton were re-elected vice-presidents.

In proposing the re-election of the Master, the Rev. A. A. Brockington said he was one of those who were present when the Master was elected some years ago. He had served the Association extremely well and faithfully, and they would all join with him (the proposer) in congratulating the Association that it had a Master like the Rev. C. C. Parker (hear, hear). They hoped that he would consent to stand again.

Mr. Coles (Taunton) seconded, and, the motion having been carried, the Rev. C. C. Parker briefly thanked the members.—Mr. E. E. Burgess was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and the Rev. A. J. Hook was re-appointed auditor.

New members proposed, either as probationers or to full membership, were as follows: Messrs. W. Copp, A. Court, S. Baker, Wootton Courtenay; the Rev. A. T. Cameron (hon. member), Chipstable; Mr. Shaw, Taunton; Messrs. L. W. Mayled, H. Stockham, and E. J. Evett; Miss P. Burge and Miss G. A. Rees, Bridgwater.

The following places were selected for the next quarterly meetings: Cheddar, Keynsham, and Bridgwater.

#### WAR LOAN INVESTMENT.

The Chairman presented a brief report of the Central Council meeting in London, and stated that, as the Association had a balance in hand, he had suggested to Mr. Burgess that a portion be put into the War Loan.

The suggestion found favour, and on the proposition of Mr. J. Burge (Taunton), seconded by the Rev. H. S. Briggs, the secretary was instructed to invest £20.

The Chairman said they were very glad to have come that day as an Association into the parish of one who took so keen an interest in ringers as the Vicar of Minehead, and they were very glad that he was able to be with them (that day (hear, hear)). They thanked him for his hearty welcome and for the use of the church and tower, and he (the chairman) would like to thank all those who were helping in the service that was to be held, including Mr. Evans, the organist, who they were pleased to have with them, and the Rev. W. H. Boyne Bunting, who was to give them an address. They also thanked the Rev. A. A. Brockington and Prebendary Hancock for lending their churches.

Mr. F. Walton Evans returned thanks, and drew attention to the custom of printing in italics in the yearly report the names of those who had not paid their subscriptions, suggesting that all should be asked each year when the time came for payment, in which case he thought that there would be no need for special attention being called to any of them.

The Chairman said the suggestion should be considered by the committee, and the meeting then terminated.

Most of the members then adjourned to the Parish Church, where divine service was held. It was conducted by the Rev. E. P. Liddon, and the lesson was read by the Rev. M. J. Case. Special hymns were sung, and an address was given by the Rev. W. H. Boyne Bunting, of Porlock.

Both before the meeting and after the service touches on both eight and ten bells were rung.

#### CATTISTOCK CARILLON.

##### M. JOS. DENYN'S PROGRAMME.

On the annual visit of Malines' famous carillonneur (M. Jos. Denyn) to Cattistock the other day, he performed the following programme of music:—

1. Chanson d'Ypres .....  
Valeureux Liegeois .....  
Vers l'avenir .....Gevaert  
L'air local de Malines .....
2. Home Sweet Home .....Bishop  
The Banks of Allan Water .....Horn  
March of the Men of Harlech .....Rimbault
3. Berceuse .....Delbruck
4. Het roosje uit de dalen .....Volekerick  
Wiegeliel .....Hullebroeck
5. The Children's Home .....Fred H. Cowen  
The Scent of the Lilies .....G. F. Cobbe
6. Allies' National Anthems.

The tunes to be played at the hours by the automatic barrel during the year 1915-16 are:—

1. Le Lion de Flandre.
2. Holsworthy Bells.

—The proceeds from the performance were given to the Belgian Relief Fund.

#### RULES AND LAWS.

##### EFFECT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DECISIONS.

###### To the Editor.

Sir,—From Mr. Carpenter's letter one may gather that I was right in implying that some at least of the members of the Central Council are not aware of the result of their actions.

At the same time he can hardly be correct in saying that the Council has always refused to make laws or to act as a legislative body. None of the Rules of the Central Council say this. On the contrary Rule 8 states: 'The Council have power to appoint committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable.' Accordingly from the first year of its existence it has had a committee appointed to make recommendations about legislation, now called 'The Collection of Peals Committee.'

In the 'Decisions of the Central Council, compiled under the Authority of the Council by the President and Secretary,' we find on page 16: "Legitimate Methods." The following is the Council's statement on this subject: "and there follows exactly ten pages laying down the law as to what may be done or what is to be ruled out."

In 1907 there was "issued according to the instructions and under the authority of the Council" a "Collection of Legitimate Methods" containing "All Legitimate Methods of Doubles" (also of Minor, with one exception, and of Triples).

Now, by the very word itself you cannot call anything "Legitimate" until it is legitimated by the legislative body. Common Law or custom can make a thing legal, and so-called "Natural Law" can make a thing absolute. But only legislation can make a thing "legitimate." Therefore, it is impossible for a body, which in set terms authorises the discrimination of what is "Legitimate" and what is "Illegitimate," to claim to have "always refused to make laws or to act as a legislative body." And in truth, as I was a member of the Councils which considered and authorised this latter publication, I can testify that we did nothing so ridiculous. We all understood that we were making the laws which we had been elected to make.

No other conclusion can be drawn from the quotations I have collected above, if words are to have any meaning at all.

Braithwaite Rectory, Eye.

HERBERT DRAKE.

#### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday at the grand old Monastic Church of St. Katherine, Edington; and, through the kindness of the neighbouring incumbents, ringing was also allowed at the towers of St. Peter's, Cheverell Magna; St. Saviour's, Erlestone, and St. James', Bratton.

Being a fine afternoon, a company of 35 assembled, and ringing was commenced soon after 3 o'clock at Cheverell Magna, the party afterwards moving on to Erlestone, with its light but very pretty ring of six, sounding sweetly over the valley and adjacent woods. Here, owing to the breaking of the 4th rope, the ringing was suddenly brought to an end, and a move was made for Edington, where tea was partaken of in the Monastery Gardens, close by the church.

A short business meeting followed, at which one new ringing member from All Saints', Westbury, was duly elected, and with votes of thanks to the various Vicars for the use of the church bells, the meeting closed, and the ringers proceeded to Edington tower, where six heavy bells hang in a massive timber frame. The "go" of them, however, is not what is generally spoken of as being "all that can be desired," while in addition, the bells are very much out of tune. However, some good work was done, and rounds and much change ringing was done. Then another move was made for Bratton, where the pretty little Church of St. James' stands some long way out of the village. It contains a good ring of six, but the space and head room in the ringing chamber are extremely limited. Some good touches of Grand-sire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, etc., were successfully brought round, much to the satisfaction of the ringers who had congregated from the towers of Westbury, Trowbridge, Edington, Devizes, Bratton, Southbroom, Seend, Bromham, Bath, Chelsea, Cranleigh, Erlestone, Erchfont and Cheverell Magna. At 8 p.m. the bells were lowered, and the ringers dispersed to their various homes, well pleased with the afternoon's outing. The Devizes and Southbroom contingent of thirteen made the journey out and home in a two-horse brake.

#### A VISIT TO FELSTED.

Arrangements having been made by Mr. W. Pye, a party of ringers met at Felsted on Saturday afternoon last to have a ring on the new peal of eight recently cast and hung by Messrs. Warner. The weather was not at all favourable for those who undertook the journey by road, the rain falling in torrents at the time appointed for starting. The ringers, however, were very punctual in putting in an appearance at the tower, considering the distance they all had travelled, some coming from London, others from Romford, Walthamstow, Leightonstone and Saffron Walden. They were joined during the afternoon by Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree. The methods rung were Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, the striking in all the touches being excellent and much admired by those listening. After a little lubrication (not of the gudgeons of the bells) and a gathering of a certain fungi (not loadstools), the party commenced their return journey, all having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

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## RINGERS WHO HOLD COMMISSIONS.

There were few ringers before the war who were officers in H.M. Forces, but since the call for men quite a number have been given commissions. On this page we hope to give in turn the photographs of those ringers who are now officers, and we begin this week with two whose connection with the Forces began some years ago.



MAJOR C. F. JERRAM, R.M.L.I.



REV. CONNOP L. PRICE (CHAPLAIN OF FORCES).

Major C. F. Jerram is an officer of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and as a ringer is well known in the neighbourhood of Plymouth to which port he is attached. Since the war began he has served on H.M.S. "Euralayus," but is now on the Headquarters Staff of the R.M.L.I. in the Mediterranean.

The Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., who is one of the Hon. Secs. of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, is the senior chaplain in the R.A.M.C., and ranks as Lieut.-Colonel. When war broke out he was Rector of Caerphilly, but since August he has been with the troops. During his

absence he has been given the preferment of the Rectory of Bedwas, but he has only been to his new parish for the Induction Service. Prior to going to Caerphilly he was a Minor Canon at Llandaff Cathedral. During his 12 years at Caerphilly the church was extended at a cost of £4,000, a new mission church was built and a new tower added to the Parish Church in which was placed a clock and ring of eight bells. He is still on the right side of 50 and, while spending a recruiting week in South Wales recently, proved himself one of the finest recruiting officers it is possible to imagine.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### DISTRICT MASTER'S JUBILEE OF RINGING.

A very successful meeting of the North-Western Division was held at Roydon on August Bank Holiday. Ringing opened about 2 p.m. with a well-struck 360 Bob Minor. In the afternoon most of the members paid a visit to Hunsdon, where some good touches of London Surprise, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

Tea and the business meeting were held at the New Inn, Mr. F. Pitstow, District Master, presiding, supported by Mr. W. Watts (district secretary), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (general secretary), Miss Edith Parker and Mr. James Parker, of Edmonton, etc.

About 40 members and friends attended from Roydon, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Braintree, Harlow Common, Waltham Abbey, Leytonstone, West Ham, Walthamstow, Nazing, Great Totham, Hunsdon, Broxbourne, Edmonton, Leatherhead, Cheshunt, Irthlingborough, Little Mundeu, Hertford, Tottenham, and Ware.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, and said he was pleased to see such a large number present. He was pleased to tell them that it was his 50th anniversary of ringing.

Mr. John Harris, of Roydon, was elected an honorary member of the Association, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Saffron Walden, in December.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Roydon, and also to the Rector of Hunsdon for the use of the bells.

Touches rung at Roydon during the day included London Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

### FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

The interesting announcement made by Mr. Fred Pitstow, at the Essex meeting at Royston, that he had completed his jubilee of ringing, is worthy of more than passing notice. Few men who have been actively engaged in the art for 50 years retain the youthful vigour and enthusiasm of Mr. Pitstow. He began his ringing at a very early age, and is as keen now as ever, and as able as he is keen. He is a member, as is well known, of a ringing family, the most famous of his brothers being the late Mr. Nathan Pitstow. On anything from six to twelve bells and any weight, Mr. Pitstow is equally at home, and we doubt not, when peace arrives, he will be ready to herald it with the first peal on the recently augmented twelve in his own parish church. A musician of no mean order, Mr. Pitstow is the bandmaster of the Saffron Walden Town Band, and has conducted all the standard oratorios. Although he is not getting younger in years, Mr. Pitstow is still young in spirit, and, while congratulating him upon reaching his ringing jubilee, his many friends will wish him still long years of activity in the art which he so much enjoys.



## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

### PENDLETON RINGERS OVER CHESHIRE BORDER.

August Bank Holiday has been reserved by the Pendleton (Lancs.) Company for a number of years as the most suitable day for their annual picnic, and this year's venue was Lymm, and Heatley Warburton, two towers close together in Cheshire, and not far from home. A start was made at 9.20 a.m., the ringers being accompanied by a few friends. At Lymm they found a peal of bells (30 cwt.) and a good guide, who soon introduced them to the tower, rebuilt in 1890. The bells were set going to Stedman, which was followed by touches of Superlative, Grandsire, Kent, and more Stedman, and the party was increased by the arrival of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills. After dinner, which was most admirably served, an attempt for a course of London did not mature, and, as time was short, it had to be left at that. While some were ringing others climbed to the top of the tower, and had a grand view, but when they got down again the ringing had finished, and their clothes were locked up in the belfry, so were the cigars. The church door was also locked, so it was a case of bursting open a door and finding the gaoler to release the clothes.

The second part of the programme was here entered on by running for a tram and getting to the next tower, Warburton, with its peal of eight (tenor 26 cwt.), about three years older than those at Lymm. These would do with a little attention from a bell hanger, but the party managed to squeeze out of them some Superlative, Stedman, Grandsire and London. The conductors for the day were Messrs. H. Chapman, J. H. Collier (Flixton), W. Rigby (Lawton), J. Lowe (Pendleton), and the Rev. A. T. Beeston. Here the party had to break up, one to get ready for a night's work, and another to catch a connection for home, the rest to tea and a friendly chat, and then on to the station, where one managed to get left behind. He, however, caught the party up a quarter of an hour later, all quite happy, but tired, and hoping for another outing together. Before separating all put their signatures to a short note to each of their members who are serving in France and at the Dardanelles respectively. Their best thanks are due to the authorities for so kindly granting the use of the bells, and the ringers for making the visitors so comfortable; also to the caterers for looking after the inner man, for if there is one thing an Englishman likes better than another it is his dinner.

### A YORKS. EXCURSION AND PRESENTATION.

On Saturday week, the Horbury (Yorks) Society had their annual outing, a party of 26, consisting of the ringers, their wives and friends, journeying by motor char-a-banc to Grassington. Arriving at Skipton some of the party made their way to the church, where their Skipton friends were awaiting them, and where a few short touches of Stedman were tapped off. During this time others visited the castle and other places of interest. Tea was then partaken of, and the opportunity was taken to present to Mr. Eli Brooke, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of the work he has done in the interest of campanology in Horbury for upwards of 40 years, a gold-mounted umbrella (bearing the inscription: "Mr. Eli Brooke, from Horbury Change Ringers, July 24th, 1915"), together with a walking stick.

Mr. George Barstow, as the oldest member of the band, in a charming little speech, referred to the long and never-tiring interest which Mr. Brooke had taken in the art of change ringing, and as a life long friend, made the presentation. Other members having added their tribute, Mr. Brooke, who was taken entirely by surprise, feelingly acknowledged the gifts. Time would not allow of any longer stay, so, with thanks to the Skipton friends, the party boarded their vehicle and resumed their way through the beautiful country of Wharfedale, stopping to view the ruins of Bolton Abbey and other places, home being reached about 10.30 p.m. Being favoured with beautiful weather, the trip was voted the most enjoyable outing in the records of the society.

### ST. GILES', NORTHAMPTON.

Accepting the kind invitation of the ringers of St. Giles', Northampton, I joined them in a little outing on Bank Holiday. Owing to the war the programme was only a small one as regards towers available for ringing in, Lathbury, Newport Pagnell and Hanslope having been placed at the disposal of the party for short touches. The sky looked in favour of a wet day as I started from Daventry at 8 a.m. on the twelve-mile ride which separated me from the meeting point in Northampton. A strong shower caused me to shelter at Kissingbury, and on arriving at St. Edmund's Road I found that the party had just started.

Lathbury, the first tower to be visited, some 13 miles away, was reached soon after eleven o'clock, and the Vicar's son met us and conducted us to the church. This is an apparently ancient structure with a low western tower, and the remains of some fine frescoes on the walls that had been spoiled in the early times were pointed out to us. The bells are a heavy ring of five, with tenor of 17 cwt., and we found them go none too well, especially the tenor; while the second, too, required careful handling as the stay was practically "hors de combat." After some three 120's of Grandsire Doubles we were on the road again for Newport Pagnell, about a mile farther on. Refreshments and a little handbell ringing were indulged in before visiting the church. On arriving there we found a wedding in progress, and as the bridal couple left church we gave them a marriage "peal," with the assistance of two or three of the local band whom we found waiting at the church to give us a welcome. The bells are a fine-

toned ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.), with ringing chamber on the ground floor, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round.

Bidding our friends farewell, we made tracks for Hanslope, and the magnificent tower and crocketed spire soon came into view. It is a landmark for miles, and few villages up and down the country possess such a fine tower and spire, which attract many visitors in the summer months. After tea and a stroll round the village, the church was visited. The bells were found to be a heavy ring of six recently rebung (tenor 22 cwt.). It was rather a pull up to the ringing chamber and the bells, as the steps are very deep. The clean, orderly appearance of the ringing chamber, with its pictures of churches and bells on the walls, made one think they were in the belfry of one of our large town churches, possessing a very enthusiastic band, instead of being in a small village possessing only a band whose attainments are limited to Doubles. After a touch or two of Bob Minor we bade adieu to the two members of the local band who had met us and even taken off the muffles so that we could hear the bells open, half-muffled ringing being the order at Hanslope owing to the war.

The ringers taking part were: Messrs. W. Rogers, R. Rogers, H. Key, E. James, J. Freeman, G. Flavell, belonging to St. Giles', who were accompanied by their wives. No serious rain fell during the trip, except a few showers which were easily "dodged," but the writer had a very wet journey from Northampton to Daventry. The Vicar of St. Giles' went with the party as far as Stoke Golding, but could not go farther on account of a later appointment in Northampton, which interfered with his intention of accompanying the party to all the towers. Through the medium of the "The Ringing World," the ringers wish to thank the Vicars for the use of the bells and the members of the local bands for meeting them and having all things ready.

A. A.

### A BANK HOLIDAY TRIP.

On Bank Holiday a party of ringers from Nutfield, Surrey, had a pleasant drive to Limsfield, where permission for use of the bells had been obtained by Mr. A. Wood. The Parish Church, which has a ring of six (tenor 18 cwt.) was first visited, and the party were joined by W. Beeson, of Godstone, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by: A. E. Cheesman 1, F. W. Rice 2, A. Wood 3, W. Cheesman 4, E. Snelling 5, F. Hawkins (conductor) 6, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob by: W. Cheesman 1, W. Beeson 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, F. Hawkins 4, A. Wood 5, F. W. Rice (conductor) 6. A move was then made to Limsfield Church, where the nice ring of six (tenor 10½ cwt.) was set going to College Exercise, a 720 being attempted, but unfortunately proving a failure. A touch of 240 Woodbine was then brought round by: A. E. Hoad 1, W. Beeson 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, W. Cheesman 4, F. Hawkins 5, F. W. Rice (conductor) 6, and 240 Cambridge Surprise by: W. Beeson 1, A. Wood 2, A. E. Hoad 3, W. Cheesman 4, F. Hawkins 5, F. W. Rice (conductor) 6. This concluded the ringing programme, the party arrived back at Nutfield just before nine o'clock, having spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Melbourn on Saturday week, the ringing opening with 720 Kent Treble Bob, by: C. Day 1, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 2, A. E. Austin 3, H. B. Day 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, W. B. Kempton 6.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. de Courcy-Ireland), who gave a very instructive address, his text being taken from I Corinthians xiv, 10, "There are it may be so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification."

After service the Vicar kindly invited all present to tea on the vicarage lawn, about twenty members being present from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston, Ickleton, Royston, Barley, and the local band.

Several new members were elected at the subsequent meeting, and it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Whittlesford in September.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his kindness, and, in reply, the Rev. de Courcy-Ireland said he should always be pleased to welcome the Association to Melbourn.

During the evening touches were brought round in the following methods: Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

### WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER'S ILLNESS.

\*Ringers in general and of London in particular will learn with much regret that Mr. A. B. Peck, an ex-Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is lying seriously ill with enteric fever in the Western Hospital, Seagrave Road, Fulham, but thanks to skilful nursing is, we hear, going on fairly well, although not yet out of danger.

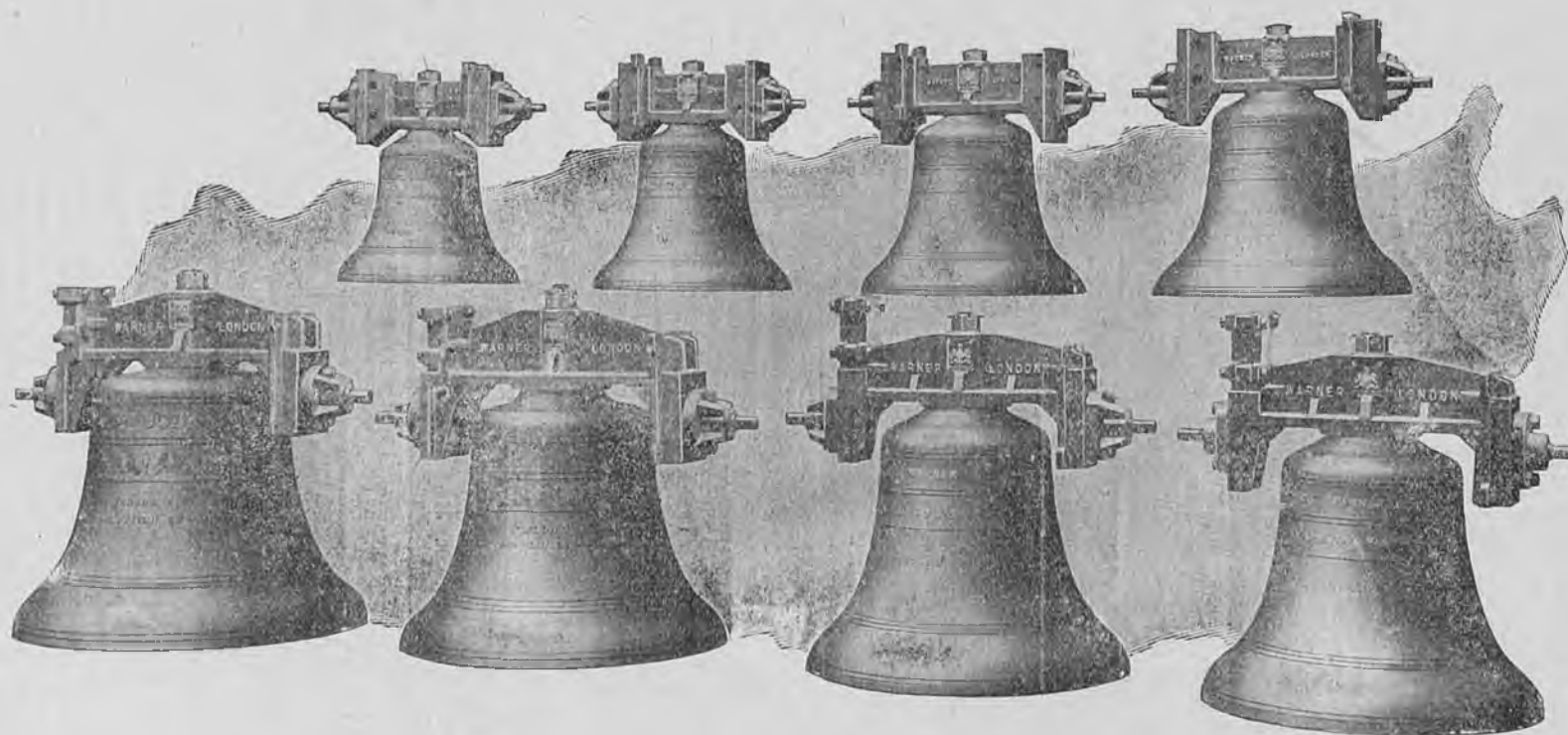
Mr. Peck is particularly well known and very popular in London ringing circles, where, in addition to many fine performances, he has done not a little to help others.

A correspondent who has called on Mr. Peck in the hospital found him cheerful and able to sleep well, and suggests that "when ringers are remembering their brothers at the front, by reciting Psalm cxxi, they also should remember their friend stricken on a sick bed."



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**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on August 17th and 31st for business, and on the 26th for handbell practice. At St. John's, Hackney, on the 24th for practice, and at 6 p.m. on the 15th for service. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A divisional meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 3 to 5 and after the meeting. Will secretaries of bands kindly note that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the York Restaurant at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 113, Angel Road, Brixton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Croston on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at Sunbury. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. P. C. West, the Vicar, at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 21st, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitnash, on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Howden on Saturday, August 28th, 1915. Bells available all day. Tea at 4.30 for all who send in their names to Mr. R. B. Smith, Vicar Lane, Howden, by Tuesday, August 24th. Tickets 1/- each.—Thos. Smith, Honorary District Secretary.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Christ Church, Oldbury, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available for ringing at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells from 4.30, meeting at 7. Nominations for general meeting to be sent in at this meeting.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western Division.—A bye meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, for which a small charge will be made, in Church Hall after service.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

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## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—At St. Illtyd's Church, on July 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: R. Evans 1, C. H. Perry 2, A. J. Stanley 3, Pte R. Bunstone 4, W. Smith 5, A. J. Pitman (first quarter of Stedman) 6, Spr. D. R. James (conductor) 7, B. Toby 8. Rung as a farewell to W. Smith on his joining the Royal Engineers, he making the fifth member of the band to join His Majesty's Forces.

**GOOLE.**—On July 5th, at the Parish Church, 720 of Bob Minor: H. Coates (1st 720) 1, H. Ward 2, W. King 3, M. Tate 4, T. Smith (conductor) 5, W. Clark, Thorne (1st 720) 6, J. Drake (covering) 8.

**HAWKHURST.**—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, July 4th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., by: R. Russell 1, G. J. Kemp 2, A. H. Wollard 3, J. Blake 4, A. Marshall 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. A. Marshall and R. Russell come from Lamberhurst, and it was the first time Mr. Russell had rung in an eight-bell tower.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on July 18th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Blundell 1, A. J. Hensman (conductor) 2, J. S. White 3, A. Andrews 4, Pte E. A. Morgan 5, A. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen 7, C. C. Dean 8. Rung as a farewell to Pte E. A. Morgan, of Newport, Mon., South Wales, recently stationed at Northampton. A. Andrews comes from Daventry, Northants.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On July 13th, at Christ Church, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Lancaster 1, J. H. Odey 2, C. T. H. Boxwell 3, D. W. Jackson 4, R. W. Hyner 5, G. W. Townsend 6, L. A. Wilson 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

**SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.**—On July 10th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes by C. Charge): E. Kendall 1, L. Wiseman 2, W. Clarke 3, H. H. Cooper 4, P. C. F. Ridgwell 5, F. Claydon 6, S. Hale 7, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 8.

**EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.**—On July 11th, for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Scillitoe 1, J. Fleuty 2, J. Turner 3, F. Claydon 4, P.C. F. Ridgwell 5, W. Burst 6, J. French (conductor) 7, A. Saunders 8.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on July 11th (Flower Sunday), for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Coley, W. E. Stratford, G. A. Taylor, A. T. Scrivens, J. T. Perry (conductor), J. Porter, S. Price.

**LONDON.**—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On July 18th, for morning service, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. W. Davis 1, A. Cusmore 2, J. H. Payne 3, W. G. Matthews 4, W. J. Daubney 5, W. E. Garrard 6, H. G. Miles (conductor) 7, H. Dyas 8.

**CREWE.**—On Sunday, July 18th, at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Overton 1, R. Langford 2, G. H. Crawley 3, A. Crawley 4, W. T. Holding 5, J. Dentith 6, R. T. Holding (conductor) 7, W. Edge 8.

**THORNE, DONCASTER.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on July 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss S. Hinscliff, of Thorne, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: W. Clark 1, H. Ward 2, W. Williamson 3, J. Fairburn 4, W. King 5, T. Smith (conductor) 6, J. Drake 8. First 720 by W. Clark, W. Williamson and J. Fairburn, who belong to the new band at Thorne, the rest belong to Goole.

**RETFORD.**—On July 18th, 1440 of Bob Minor, on handbells, in 43 mins.: J. Hurst 1—2, J. Segar, junr. (conductor) 3—4, G. Turner 5—8. Longest length on handbells by all and by the North Notts Association. Witness, T. Wilson.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On July 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: Pte F. T. Caple (A.S.C.), M.T., 1, A. Brooks 2, M. Woodcock 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk 6, Sergt. G. C. Rice (A.S.C.), M.T., 7, J. Brooks 8. Sergt. Rice and Pte Caple are with the Army Service Corps, who are billeted in the town. Mr. Woodcock hails from London.

**SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On July 20th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Ray 1, A. Abiss 2, W. Mills, junr., 3, T. Smith (first quarter-peal) 4, T. Griffiths 5, F. Evans 6, B. Gough (conductor) 7, B. Fullwood 8.

**PREES.**—Salop Archdiaconal Guild.—On July 24th, at St. Chad's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: W. Saunders 1, J. Tudor 2, C. E. Lilley (conductor) 3, W. Weatherly 4, J. Jones 5, A. E. Fullick 6. First on the bells.

**SAWSTON, CAMBS.**—On July 24th, at the Parish Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: T. Finch 1, P. Webb 2, A. E. Austin 3, S. Nunn 4, C. T. Carr 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6, F. Hurry 7, F. Matthews 8. Also a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

**ICKLETON, CAMBS.**—On July 25th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Bowtell 1, A. Starr 2, P. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, E. Webb 6. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: P. Webb 1, A. Starr 2, E. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, L. Brooks (first 720) 6.

**LEWES, SUSSEX.**—On July 25th, for evening service, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): G. Richardson 1, R. Hyde 2, F. Sturt 3, T. Gasson (Bolney) 4, G. Piper (Seaford) 5, R. J. Dawe (Seaford) 6, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), conductor 7, C. Errey 8.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On July 25th, for evening service, 1008 of Grandsire Triples: H. Bond 1, T. Bond 2, W. Brunsdon 3, R. Hudson 4, F. Soden (conductor) 5, H. Barrett 6, A. Bishop 7, G. Parker 8.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On July 25th, for the morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Dale 2, W. Short 3, S. Paice 4, J. Burdfield 5, R. Whittington 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, L. Paice 8.

**CHELMSFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, July 25th (Feast of St. James), for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: \*C. Gentry 1, A. Whight 2, D. H. Newman 3, Pte H. Halford (5th Gloster Regiment) 4, Pte H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regiment), conductor, 5, P. Timson 6, A. E. Acfield 7, H. Allen 8, H. Richell 9, \*W. Pease 10. \*First quarter-peal. With the exception of Pte Halford, all are members of the Cathedral band.

**COALBROOKDALE.**—On July 25th, for afternoon service, 938 Grandsire Triples (from Carter's Twelve Part): W. Merrington 1, J. Hauley 2, J. York 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders (conductor) 6, W. Lago 7, J. Aston 8.

**WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.**—At St. Mary's Church, on July 25th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: W. Pane (first 720) 1, W. Biss 2, L. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, F. J. Bailey 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6.

**LEICESTER.**—On July 30th, at St. Martin's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: L. E. Allen 1, S. Cotton 2, H. Broughton 3, J. Morris 4, P.C. H. Jenney 5, E. Morris (first quarter in the method as conductor) 6, A. Martin 7, T. Taylor 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mrs. Perry-Herrick, of Beaumanor Leys, Woodhouse, who was interred the same day.

**PLYMOUTH.**—On August 1st, for evening service, at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Hooper 1, R. Dobson 2, W. G. Hiscott 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Richards 5, E. W. Marsh 6, Pte W. White (Somerset L.I.), first quarter as conductor in any method, 7, J. Woodley 8.

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